M E M O R A N D U M

January 17, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FROM: RICHARD V. BURNES, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

RE: SPECIAL INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to our recent investigative assignment, I make this interim report:

Succession of Banister - enclosed with this memorandum you will find one copy of the succession* of William Guy Banister. I have made a second copy which I am studying for leads which might assist me in completing the balance of this investigative assignment.

Banister's Detective Agency - pursuant to the assignment to obtain information about Banister's Detective Agency, I obtained the following two names as possible identification of his Detective Agency: Southern Research and Guy Banister Private Detective Agency. I found no recordation under the name of Southern Research. I found no recordation under the name of Guy Banister Private Detective Agency. Upon checking further with the name of Southern Research, I found a recordation of a charter in Book 2031 at page 618 for Southern Research Company of New Orleans, Inc. I find further that this corporation has not been dissolved. This corporation was formed on August 26, 1963. The charter was executed before Attorney Nicklas J. Gagliano and witnessed by John Mmaht and Golder Stoltz. Listed in the charter as directors and agents for service of process as well as officers of the company were the following names: Charles R. Carson whose address is 4769 Overton Drive, New Orleans, Edward E. Parent whose address is 4525 Duplisses Street in the City of New Orleans, A. Harry Roberts, no address listed, Shirley Riggs whose address is 2003 Metairie Road, Metairie, Louisiana. I find nothing in the charter to indicate that this corporation was associated with Guy Banister other than the fact that I had been given the name that Guy Banister

* Copy of the succession has been placed in the secondary file of this case. JG.

was associated with a detective agency called Southern Research.

From the succession of William Guy Banister, it appears that some of the assets (papers and documents which had been filed in a safety deposit box) were disposed of by placing them in the possession of his adopted daughter, Mary Jane Banister, wife of Donald Duvio. I therefore obtained the name of the detective agency to be Guy Banister Associates, Inc. I obtained a copy for the charter of Guy Banister Associates, Inc., a private detective agency organized on January 21, 1958. Shareholders listed in this corporation are Guy Banister whose address is 7059 Argonne Street - 470 shares, Mary W. Banister, 7059 Argonne Street - 10 shares, Joseph A. Oster, 6638 Dorien Street, - 20 shares. The same three parties are the officers of the corporation and the members of the Board of Directors. I am attaching to this memorandum a copy of the charter of the corporation. I have checked and found that there is no resolution dissolving this corporation. Therefore, the corporation has legal existence today. Nonetheless it appears that some of the assets of the corporation were disposed of by the judgment of possession in the succession of William Guy Banister.

Further investigation is being conducted on the balance of my investigative assignment. A supplementary memorandum will follow.

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